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For

METHODS OF INHIBITING BINDING OF BETA-SHEET FIBRIL TO RAGE AND CONSEQUENCES THEREOF

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants request that the following amendment be made in the above-identified application:

In the Specification:

Please delete the first paragraph and replace it with the following paragraph:

-- This application is a §371 national stage of PCT International Application No. PCT/US00/22059, filed 11 August 2000, designating the United States of America, which is a continuation-in-part and claiming priority of U.S. Serial No. 09/374,213, filed August 13, 1999, the contents of which are incorporated by reference.--